THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBY): (a) and (b) The available information is given below:—

Name of the State	No. of Bonded Labourers identified as on 31st March, 1988	No. of Bonded Labourers rehabilitated during : 1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Andhra Pradesh	33954	3957	4314	2691
Bihar	12338	535	376	468
Gujarat	64	19	..	..
Haryana	429	..	..	..
Karnataka	62689	4009	6550	6715
Kerala	823	..	..	..
Madhya Pradesh	7486	779	1017	842
Maharashtra	998	307	198	70
Orissa	47824	5385	6577	4499
Rajasthan	7037	1079	366	113
Tamil Nadu	36827	1109	663	401
Uttar Pradesh	25211	4199	4749	3554
TOTAL	235670	21378	24810	19353

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Government has already set up a National Commission on Rural Labour. The terms of reference of the Commission include the study report on the problems of bonded labour, etc.

Grievances of artists of Song and Drama Division, National

3002. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from the artists of Song and Drama Division, Nainital;

(b) if so, what are the main grievances of these artists; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Staff Artists of Song and Drama Division are contract employees. Their grievances, which is common to all Staff Artists including those posted at Nainital, is that they have not been provided facilities of Pension, Life Insurance, Residential Accommodation, full medical facilities and Children Education allowance.

(c) The Central Government Employees Insurance Scheme has already been extended to the staff

Artists of Song and Drama Division. The facilities like CGHS and allotment of residential accommodation have been extended to the Staff Artists wherever such facilities exist. The issues regarding grant of pension and extension of Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme to the Staff Artists of Song and Drama Division are under consideration of the Government.

Import of foodgrains

3003. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have importing foodgrains;

(b) if so, what are the details of the foodgrains imported during 1987-88 (June) item-wise and quantity-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons for continuing the policy of importing the foodgrains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) There was no import of wheat or rice during 1987-88. However, a quantity of one million tonnes of wheat and 7 lakh tonnes of rice were contracted for import during 1988-89 till 30th June, 1988, to replenish the buffer stocks. Also, a quantity of about 79 thousand tonnes of maize was imported till 30-6-1988.

Impact of Technology Mission on Oilseeds

3004. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether imports of edible oils to be halved by 1990 due to R & D efforts and Technology Mission on Oilseeds as reported (section F.E. 12-7-88);

(b) what is the total financial inputs under (a) above during the current plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite much larger inputs for milk production enhancement, gift and commercial imports are unabated due to failure of R & D efforts of ICAR;

(d) what is the total investment on dairy development aimed at increasing milk production during the current plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir. The development efforts of various partner agencies of the Technology Mission on Oilseeds are expected to increase oilseed production, under normal monsoon condition, to a level which will help halve oil imports.

(b) The financial inputs under R & D efforts concerning oilseeds/edible oils by ICAR and CSIR during the Seventh Plan are Rs. 24.05 crores and Rs. 3.6 crores respectively. This excludes research activities on oilseeds by ICAR Institutes dealing with multi-crop research.

During the Seventh Plan, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing a farmer-support scheme called National Oilseeds Development Project with an outlay of Rs. 170 crores out of which Rs. 100 crores is the share of the Central Government. Another similar scheme called the Oilseeds Production Thrust Project has been initiated since 1986-87. Outlay of Rs. 19 crores and 35 crores have been provided during 1986-87 and 1987-88 respectively to the States on a hundred percent Central assistance basis.

(c) ICAR research efforts in animal science have resulted in the development of breeding technologies